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SUMMARY OF CHRB ACTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS 2-21-13

ARCADIA, CA – The California Horse Racing Board conducted its regular meeting Thursday, February 21, at Santa Anita Park. Chairman David Israel presided. Vice Chairman Chuck Winner and Commissioners Steve Beneto, Jesse Choper, Bo Derek, and Richard Rosenberg were in attendance.

The audio of this entire Board meeting is available on the CHRB Website (www.chrb.ca.gov) under the [Webcast](#) link. In brief:

- The racing commissioners elected David Israel Chairman and elected Chuck Winner vice chairman. More details are available in a separate news release through this link: [Election](#).
- The Board adopted an amendment to Rule 1658 allowing a claim to be voided if the claimed horse suffers a fatality or is placed on the veterinarian list as lame or unsound after the race. Vice Chairman Winner, who along with Commissioner Bo Derek serves on the Medication and Track Safety Committee, which developed and supported this amendment, explained that the rule is designed to protect horses, jockeys, and the integrity of racing.
- The Board approved the license application for Hollywood Park to conduct a race meet from April 22 through July 16. The meet will run Thursday through Sunday afternoons. There will not be racing on Friday nights. The application approved by the Board indicates the normal 23.68 percent takeout for the early Pick Five but management is negotiating with the Thoroughbred Owners of California in an effort to reduce that takeout to the promotional rate of 14 percent.
- Assistant Executive Director Jacqueline Wagner advised the commissioners that the rules approved by the Board for exchange wagering have been submitted to the Office of Administrative Law. If the rules are approved by OAL, they could become effective July 1 or perhaps sooner.
- The Board approved mini-satellite wagering at Sammy's Restaurant in Lake Forest. The owners are investing nearly \$1 million in the remodeling of the building, a former Black Angus Restaurant, and it is being expressly designed to accommodate wagering. The new facility could be open in time for the start of the Del Mar meet on July 17. In another development involving a mini-satellite facility, the Tilted Kilt Pub and Restaurant in downtown San Diego, which was previously approved for wagering by the Board, temporarily withdrew its application pending negotiations for a waiver from an Indian wagering facility within a 20-mile radius. And the Board renewed for five years the license of the California Commerce Club, which was the first mini-satellite to open in California.
- The Board authorized the Rancho Paseana Training Center in Rancho Santa Fe to conduct timed workouts at the facility just east of Del Mar after being advised by a Paseana representative and CHRB staff that the facility meets all requirements for safety and security. Timed workouts are planned for Saturdays as a convenience to owners and trainers of horses stabled there.

- The Board approved a rule amendment to reclassify a number of drug substances, clarify language, and update penalty categories by classification. The amendment reflects changes to the Association of Racing Commissioners International drug classifications.
- Commissioner Derek, reporting on the Wednesday meeting of the Medication and Track Safety Committee, indicated that a concussion protocol for jockeys is being developed that will include a requirement for any jockey thrown from a mount to be examined by a doctor for clearance before he or she can resume riding.
- The Board referred to committee for further discussion a request by the Jockeys' Guild to amend the Jockey's Riding Fee rule, so that fees paid by the owner to enter a horse in a stakes race are not deducted prior to calculating the winning jockey's riding fee.
- The Board authorized staff to revise the language of a proposed rule pertaining to smoke detectors and to send out the rule for 45-day public notice. The rule would allow the stewards to fine any licensee who tampers with a smoke detector at any facility within the Board's jurisdiction. Additionally, the stewards could fine the trainer of any employee found more than once to have tampered with a smoke detector.

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